

Nationwide, estimates of the legions of Americans homeless have run as high as two and a half million people. In the last two years their plight has assumed the dimensions of national disgrace. Why, in the land of conspicuous bounty, should Americans go hungry and homeless?

Mario Cuomo Governor of the State of New York July 1983

It is disgraceful that in such a rich country as this, so many people must stand in doorways all night.

Homeless woman in her late sixties Grand Central Station, New York January 1985 Our nation, which prides itself in its heritage of providing new homes for the "tired and huddled masses" of the world, is currently failing to do so for over two million of its people. At the same time that we are restoring our most precious symbol of that heritage, the Statue of Liberty, the combined forces of unemployment, housing shortages, evictions, inflationary rents, social service cutbacks, and deinstitutionalization of the mentally and physically disabled has created a "Third World" of Americans within our society. This rapid acceleration of homelessness is not a short-term phenomenon that will disappear of its own accord, but a real crisis upon which we must act. More than the Statue of Liberty is in need of restoration.

Recognizing a HOME as the essential foundation of human existence, STOREFRONT announces a project entitled HOMELESS AT HOME. Although the gradual disintegration of the nuclear family may have changed the appearance of HOME during the twentieth century, a HOME is as essential as ever in today's complex world for it provides the individual order and refuge. A society unwilling to provide an individual a HOME strips that person of the social nexus in which his own humanity can thrive, and that society spoils itself by creating a citizenry of outcasts.

#### INVITATION

STOREFRONT invites you to contribute to a comprehensive, constructive effort that appeals to conscience and understanding, and that provides solutions. The project's focal point will be an exhibition of works and proposals created in response to the needs of the HOMELESS. All creative people, including artists, architects, designers, writers, and the HOMELESS too, are invited to submit drawings, diagrams, manuscripts, models, paintings, sculptures, or any relevant works. Displayed along with these will be photographs and documentation of existing living conditions among the HOMELESS. Seminars and symposiums will parallel the exhibit.

We hope that you will take part in this truly public art project.

For further information about how to submit your work or volunteer to help in the production of HOMELESS AT HOME, please contact Kyong Park or Glenn Weiss at STOREFRONT, 51 Prince Street, New York, NY 10012. Tel. no. (212) 431-5795.

# I would like to be part of the project, HOMELESS AT HOME.

send me Design Packages I and II. I understand that my donation of \$25 is to cover production and mailing costs. 

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51 Prince Street, New York, NY 10012

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Are these words important to you? bathroom address food sex HOME sanity existence survival continuity **HOMELESS** individual community society religion HOME pity exploitation suffrage hot cold **HOMELESS** truth morality equality justice democracy HOME cardboard concerete benches **HOMELESS** human humanity purpose creations HOME women men young old **HOMELESS** art architecture literature laws HOME duty understanding reflection assistance giving YOU

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#### **Personal Statements**

For some of us, HOME is the physical paradigm of human existence within the cosmos. The ceiling beholds the dome of sky, the floor follows the earth's contour, the walls embrace the cardinal axiom. For some of us "home" is just a cardboard box. The roof repels rain and snow, the floor cushions the concrete below, the walls sustain body heat. No matter how different our essential needs and worldly visions may be, somewhere between HOME and "home," you and I will find our own HOME.

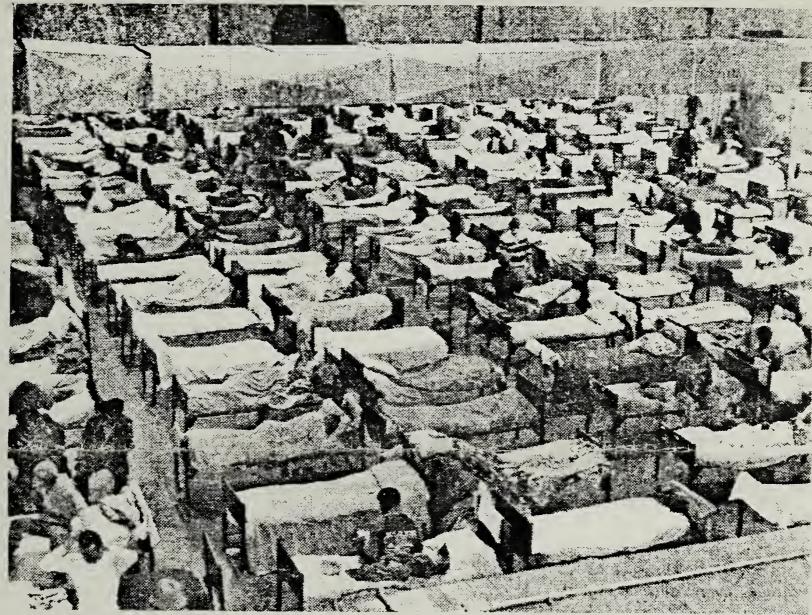
Kyong Park New York January 1985

Rarely can artists and architects overcome their inherent distrust of positivism to trespass into the frontier between the concerns of art and of society. The skills and knowledge gained from years of private and specialized investigation of art and architecture can be turned into useful tools to understand and create for a society devoid of answers to a real problem. In the past, ideas and visions created by artists and non-artists have provided inspiration for both good and bad realities made by others with means. At this moment of need for thousands of our citizens, turn your art and mind toward the creation of the seeds whose harvest is a better future for both another human and humanness itself.

Glenn Weiss New York February 1985

# HOMELESS

# at HOME



Homeless Shelter, New York City, 1984

The New York Times / Tim Wiles

#### An Open Competition

What is it like to be without home?
Why is home so important for humans?
Formulate a physical and psychological solution from which home can be constructed for homeless.

#### Schedule

Design Package Available on April 1
Registration mailed by May 1
Submissions mailed by July 15
Exhibition opens in NYC in October

Open to
Artists, Architects,
Designers & Others
All Entries will be
exhibited.
Exhibition in
New York City
No Prizes

#### Entry Procedure

Entry fee is \$25.00.
Send a check or money order made payable to "Cultrual Council Foundation for Storefront".
Mail to STOREFRONT,
51 Prince St, New York,
N.Y., 10012

Fee helps pay for design package & exhibition.

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51 Prince St, New York, NY 10012 212-431-5795 Kyong Park/Glenn Weiss Funded in part by New York State Council on the Arts



## HOMELESS at HOME

#### Invitation

The nation that once stood as 'home' for the tired and poor from abroad now is unwilling to house all its citizens. National media and government deny the destitute reality of over 1 million men, women and children by reciting the American mythology of freedom - "they are homeless by choice." In fear of permanent fiscal responsibility, NYC gives minimum shelter and beds only in response to court orders. As our governments avoid creating solutions, more and more people will be forced, without choice, into the streets as demolition, gentrification and rent inflation diminish the amount of low-income housing.

The list of physical human rights begins with food, clothing and 'home' - not shelter or housing. While the peripheral appearances and social contents of home changed in modern times, the central value of 'home' remained. 'Home' gives the personal order through which exists the chance to partake in society. A society that denies a person 'home' strips him of a place in which his humanness can survive and mars itself by creating outcast citizens.

STOREFRONT asks artists, architects and others to overcome the isolation of art-for-art's-sake, and to release art with the question of life itself. You are to envision proposals which can heal the physical and metaphysical scars bestowed upon the homeless and, through collective exhibition, offer your proposals to a public beginning to seek concrete solutions. These physical proposals that satisfy human needs of one or many, for an hour or a millennium, must rise from an honest will to create a positive base for human life.

#### Directors' Statements

Kyong Park

For some people, Home is the physical paradigm of human existence in the cosmos, where the roof is to behold the dome of the sky, the floor is to shape the contour of the earth, the walls are to embrace the perception of space. For some people, 'home' is a cardboard box for physical survival above a sidewalk, where the roof is to repel rain, the floor is to cover steamvents, the walls are to sustain body heat. Somewhere between Home and 'home', you and I will find our home. And no matter how different our needs and dreams are, the common denominator for all human is the fundamental necessity of home: a physical construction which gives our survival and aspiration.

#### Glenn Weiss

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#### Submission Guidelines

The homeless exist; create for them. The public requires understanding and real proposals in order to act; present to them. The directors place no limits upon the kind or scale of the vision, only sincerity. The exhibition will include solicited new ideas and selected efforts in operation around the country. Wall mounted drawings, paintings or constructions should not exceed 18 sq. ft. of wall area. Floor and table displayed models or constructions should not exceed 9 sq. ft. of floor area. Books of drawings, photographs and writings are invited. Directors reserve the right not to display any submission which has nothing to do with the homeless. All submissions will be returned and remain the property of the maker.

#### Design Package

Two design packages will be sent to every entrant. The first package, available after April 1, contains general information describing the homeless people, current facilities and the causes of homelessness in the USA. A second package available after July 1, contains essays and statements by artists, architects, critics, management of homeless facilities and organizations and the homeless themselves.

#### STOREFRONT

A Program of the Cultural Council Foundation

Adam Purple above his Garden of Eden



See <u>News</u>, "Progressive Architecture", Nov. '84

STOREFRONT is a not-for-profit organization of artists and architects who have maintained a gallery in New York City since May '82. In three years, over 300 artists and architects have presented their work through exhibits, installations, slides, films, portfolios, performaces and publications. STOREFRONT activities include 1) Solo exhibitions of artist and architects whose works are unknown, yet a creative source for the future. 2) Thematic group exhibitions where the merging of art and architecture can occur by both groups addressing a common issue. 3) Projects where artists and architects can apply their creativity to the issues of society and its environment. Previous projects include the reuse of Brooklyn's polluted Gowanus Canal and alternative housing projects designed to save The Garden of Eden in NYC from its Housing Authority.



#### WE MUST HAVE YOUR PROPOSALS!

#### EXHIBITION I

Designs for physical solutions to provide homes for the homeless

Dec. 30th- Deadline for the submission of a short written description and or sketch.

Feb. 10th-14th work recleved (location to be announced)

Peb. 24th- March 24th. Exhibition I. (location to be announced)

March 30th- work pick-up (location to be announced) due to the large response, The Homeless at Home Exposition will be held in the fall of '86 in the midtown area.

if your presentation is not complete please limit your sheet to a 4'x8' sheet, 18 sq. ft., limit.

#### EXHIBITION II

Designs for persuasive images that speak to the public about special attributes of the home

STOREFRONT is moving to a new location: NYC 87 Kenmare St. 10012.

May 5th - 31st., Exhibition II (as of January 1st) Digitized by the Internet Archive in 2018 with funding from Storefront for Art and Architecture

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#### PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Rosemary Cellini 212-431-5795

Homeless at Home - An Exhibition of Innovative Designs for Shelters and Alternative Housing for the Homeless.

A Presentation of Models, Drawings and Videos by 50 Architects and Artists.

March 2 to March 29, 1986 97 Kenmare Street, New York, New York 10012

Opening Reception: March 2, 1986, Sunday, 3-5 PM

As our culture begins to understand the problem of homelessness and to dedicate its financial resources to end the crisis, these architects and artists have volunteered their skills and vision to create proposals that merge their understanding of "home" with the hard realities of the city. The proposals range from one-person portable shelters (tents, wagons, suits), under-used spaces such as building colonnades, traffic islands, abandoned buildings, and new structures for shelters and housing like those under consideration by the Department of Social Services. The exhibition strives to demonstrate the goals of new housing - the provision of "home".

The exhibition will include video and photographic documentation of the lives of homeless people from the streets to quality SRO's like St. Francis Residence. Self-built housing or homesteading efforts are also documented as are other real alternatives to construction by public and private agencies.

Homeless at Home is the fourth exhibition by the STOREFRONT dedicated to the cultural dilemma of homelessness. STOREFRONT believes that artists and architects should be recognized by the general public as serious contributors to the resolution of social problems. The previous exhibitions included Beneath the Face: Portraits of the Poor by Nancy Miller Elliott, photographs of homeless people, an exhibition of pragmatic solutions for housing the homeless in the United States at the American Institute of Architects Conference on Housing the Homeless in Washington, D. C. and an exhibition of images to motivate the public by 120 artists.

This exhibition is endorsed by the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the New York Chapter of the Architects, Designers and Planners for Social Responsibility, Architectron, the Partnership for the Homeless and the New York State Council on the Arts.

# HOMELESSatHOME

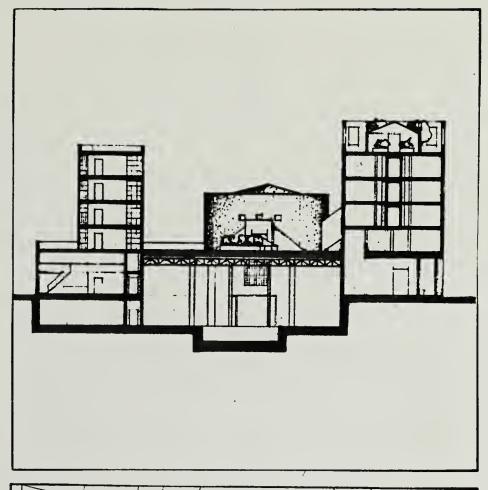


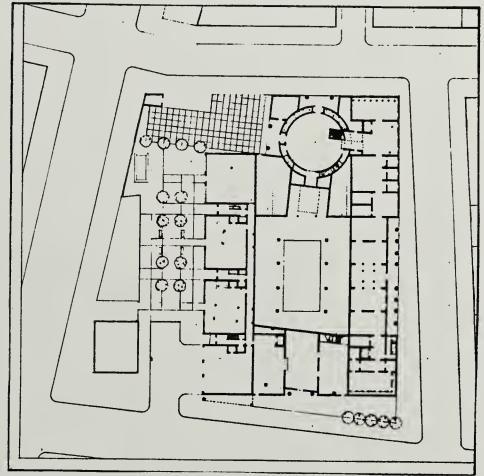


Mødel, 6" H x 9" W Christoper K. Egan, Architect

"Underlying this project is the conviction that architectural principles of responsive geometry, integration of Plan/Section/Facade, expressive construction, and human dignity, are applicable at all scales of the built environment. While it has been proven that Architecture cannot solve problems that are societal in nature, neither can Architecture abdicate its role in improving those conditions which can be translated into spatial, organizational, or symbolic terms."

Excerpt of Statement by the Architect

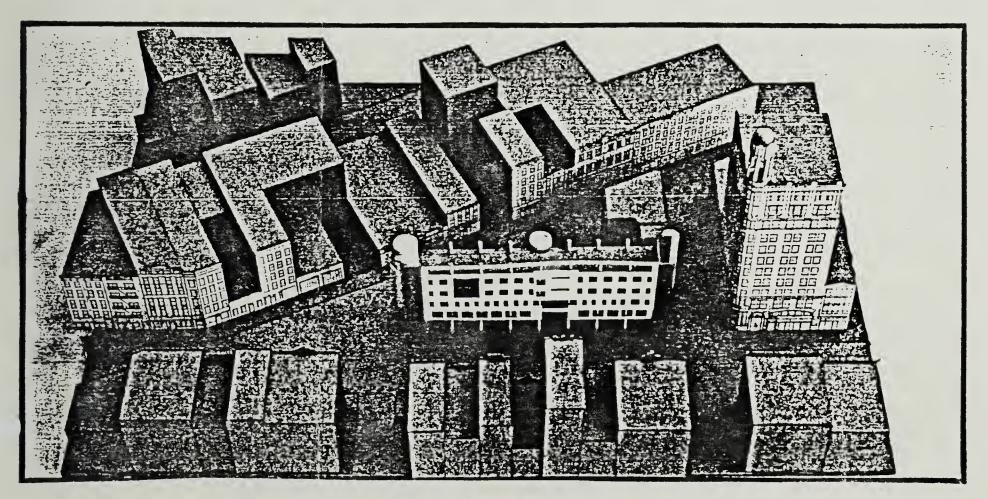




A SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS Knut Hansen and Helene Ruri Yampolsky

"...unlike the city, which disperses its poor among numerous streets and parks, the Shelter is a collector, a rejuvenator, an identity-giver, if the resident wishes, and represents a process through which one may emerge perhaps more nourished, more encouraged, and more anchored in the hope of a return to a more permanent home if one so desires."

Excerpt from Statement by the architects



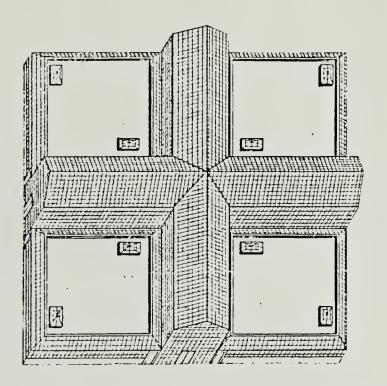
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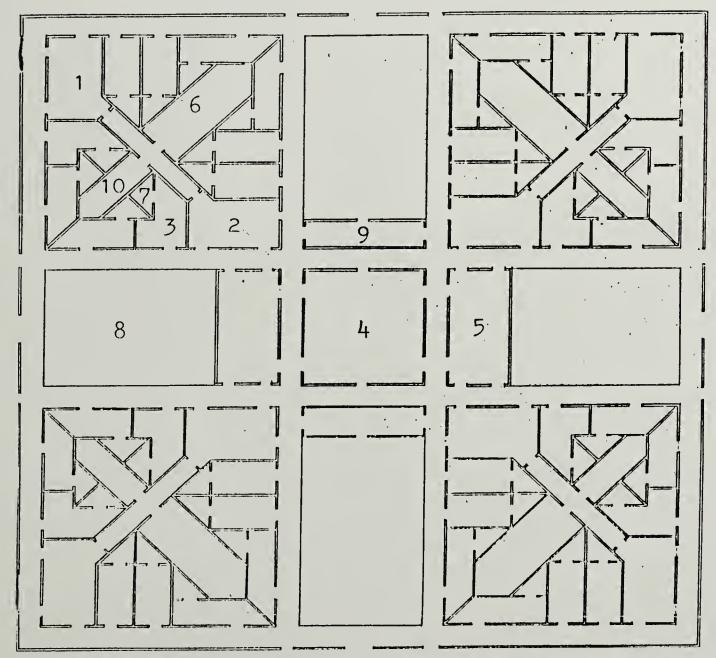
"While its roots lie in a transition shelter scheme, it is not seen as part of an emergency shelter system created to alleviate homelessness. This can only hope to be accomplished by providing affordable housing."

"...this proposal is being thought of as a monument to the homeless and the plight against homelessness. An occupiable monument designed to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comforted."

Excerpts from Statement by the architect

- 1 Pertico
- 2 Quarter Meeting
- 3 Chamber
- 4 Domus Meeting
- 5 Kitchen
- 6 Public Washroom
- 7 Bathroom
- 8 Garden
- 9 Storage
- 10 Laundry





"This building is an attempt to unite the idea of home with the practical reality of a functional self-sustaining community utilizing concepts such as recycling, solar energy, and gardening to limit the cost of sustaining housing for the homeless, giving municipal governments a model system for consideration."

#### HOMELESS AT HOME A Public Project

HOMELESS AT HOME is a public project motivated by the stark and brutual reality of the sub-human living conditions of the homeless population. It was initiated and organized by the STOREFRONT FOR ART AND ARCHITECTURE.

The program includes a series of exhibitions, lectures, seminars, discussion groups, educational publications and an exposition. The project was publically initiated in the winter of 1984 with requests to the creative community for its participation.

Architects, designers, artists, photographers, video artists, filmmakers, writers and the homeless were invited to address the issue of homelessness and to rethink the nature and meaning of home. These individuals have the unique ability to create powerful visions which can be transformed into new solutions and which can also serve as stimuli for new thinking by the public about homelessness and the home.

The primary objectives of the project are:

- -To motivate and mobilize the international creative community of architects, designers, artists, photographers, writers and others to address the problem of homelessness;
- -To provide a forum for the results of their efforts;
- -To increase public awareness and understanding of homelessness and the home; and,
- -To stimulate individual and collective action on behalf of the homeless population.

It is our hope that this project will not only serve to educate, but will also act as a catalyst for creative visions to come alive and dynamically effect, in their very particular way, the necessary involvement towards resolving this crisis.



#### HOMELESS AT HOME A Public Project Chronology

April, 1984 - Board of Directors of the Storefront begin discussion of the project.

October, 1984 - First formal proposal completed. New York State Council of the Arts grants \$800 for the project.

Winter, 1984 - Announcement of exhibition appears in national architectural magazines and several foreign ones. 500 inquiries received and information mailed.

May, 1985 - 165 architects and artists register to enter exhibition. Design Package I (Written documentation and articles on homelessness) mailed to entrants.

Summer, 1985 - Design Package II written and compiled by volunteers at Storefront. The 108-page publication mailed to entrants.

August, 1985 - "Beneath the Face: Portraits of the Poor" by Nancy Miller Elliott. An exhibition of portraits of poor and homeless people in New York City held at the Storefront.

October, 1985 - "Images and Words about Homelessness". An exhibition held at the Storefront of works by artists who created simple graphics dramatizing the problem of homelessness.

Storefront organizes the submission of designs for shelters to the American Institute of Architects Conference on Housing the Homeless. Designs were exhibited at the AIA Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

New York State Council of the Arts grants \$7,500 toward the project.

November, 1985 - "Homeless, NYC". Performance artists create works about homelessness and the home. Presented at Quando in New York City to an audience of 200.

42nd Street, E.T.C. agrees to co-sponsor the project. Five-person working committee established to assist in securing sites for exhibition.

November and - December, 1985

Discussion Groups held with participants in the project as well as others interested in participating. Speakers from shelters as well as homeless individuals informed the groups. Video documentation of shelters and interviews with homeless individuals presented.

March, 1986 -

Planned exhibition of proposals for innovative methods of providing home for the homeless and/or investigations into the nature and meaning of home. Proposals will be curated and/or expanded for major exposition.

Planned exhibition of proposals for images to be used as public media (billboards, subway signs, newspaper ads, etc.). Images are to be expressive of the essential and symblic qualities of home.

Planned exposition to be held in a public space. Its objective is to present to the public comprehensive information about the problem of homelessness as well as innovative methods for providing home for the homeless and/or investigations in the nature and meaning of home. A one-day symposium will be held during the last week of the exhibition to discuss the impact of the exposition.

A series of four lectures and seminars will be held concurrently with the exposition. The Municipal Arts Society has agreed to co-sponsor the seminars and lectures.

## HOMELESS at HOME

This letter has been sent to the following organizations.

nership of the Homeless Coalition for the Homeless Robert Hayes NYC Shelter Directors Human Resoucres Administration Mayor Edward Koch President Carol Bellamy Midtown Outreach Project Reach-out Project H.E.L.P. Haryhouse Joseph House Sisters of the Good Shepherd Antonio Olivieri Center for Traveler's Hotel The Dwelling rlace The Coffee Pot Emmaus House St. Joseph's Convent McCauley Water Street Mission St. Francis Residence Covenant House Emergency Shelter

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Holy Name Center
Bowery Residents Committee
Henry St. Settlement
The Jericho Project
Bowery Mission and Young
Men's Home
Women in Need
Independence House
Iverson House
Lenox Hill



Photograph by Nancy Miller Elliot

.St. Phillips Church Bushwick Human Services Center Crown Heights Human Servises Council of Churches House of Mercy St. Finbar Annex Residence St. Timothy's Church Star of the Sea Women Helping Women Queens Federation of Churches Jamaica Family & Youth Center Queen of Feace Home Aegis-Project Return Casita Maria My Brother's Place Christ House Tolentine Zeiser Community Life Center Project Hospitality Trinity Lutheran Church

Respite house
Project Dorot
Create House
American Red Cross
Victim Services Agency
Project Oasis
Brooklyn Catholic Charities
Arthur Sheehan House
C.H.I.P.S.
Providence House
New Nazareth House
domen's Survival Space
Amboy Shelter

Dear Associates,

In the fall of 1985, STOREFRONT for Art and Architecture will present an exhibition titled "Homeless at Home". Artists, architects, designers, and others will present drawings, models, paintings, photographs, literatures, legal proposals, social proposals and others, in search of real and visual solutions that can meet the problem of homelessness. Already over 200 people from around the world has written to STOREFRONT to express their interest to participate in the exhibition. The value of this exhibition is the invitation of artists and architects who can provide visual images in how to assist homeless people, and how to prevent further homelessness. The goals of this exhibition are;

1. To bring serious attention to the fact of homelessness in our society to the general public, the professionals, and the government.

 To propose new visual and physical solutions to provide for the need of homeless in human standard, thereby offering possible solutions be available for people to utilize them.

3. To show successful existing program so those may influence other organizations, and to draw much needed monetary funds to continue the programs.

Since STOREFRONT realizes the problem of homelessness is vast and complex, your knowledge and experience are great importance for this project to be successful and effective. Therefore, we urgently invites you to a meeting where we can explain to you about the project "Homeless at Home" more in depth. Furthermore, we hope you can provide us information and experiences of your program, and the <u>real</u> needs of homeless people, where these can be included in <u>Information Package</u> which artists and architects will recieve form STOREFRONT.

We hope the exhibition "Homelss at Home" will make a significant contribution toward motivating the general public support to assist homeless people and those organizations like you. To make this exhibition reach its full potential, a letter of endorsement is vital to establish our effort solidly in public. Please attend our meetings at STOREFRONT to find more about "Homeless at Home".

April 9 -- 3;00 PM April 10 -- 3:00 PM April 16 --3;00 April 17 --3:00 April 23 --3:00 April 24 --3:00

Kyong Park

Glenn Weiss

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Name of Your Organization

Your Name and Position

Dates You will attend

Please FIII this form and mail to STOREFRONT for Art and Architecture

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## HOMELESS at HOME

26 November 1985

#### Dear Architect:

The Storefront for Art and Architecture invites you to join the <u>Homeless at</u> Home exhibit/project.

This project originates from our sense that dignity and justice are denied to the homeless population of our cities, and that, as members of society, artists and architects have a responsibility to serve humanity at large.

The purposes of the exhibit are therefore to: 1) increase public understanding of homelessness, and 2) create awareness of potential solutions to this situation and, ultimately support for their implementation. The development of these solutions will involve investigating the nature of homelessness as well as examining the meaning of Home as a fundamental need for human existence. Their presentation will require taking into consideration the values of a primarily non-professional public and avoiding arcane elitism as well as facile populism.

Your imagination and experience will supply the content of the proposals. Nevertheless, we have listed below, as suggestions only, some types of projects that would be relevant. These can be roughly classified in two categories:

#### Realistic projects:

Practical solutions for improving conditions in an existing shelter facility, new construction and/or renovation of an existing building into a temporary shelter, single room occupancy units or apartments.

#### Visionary designs:

These less immediately applicable proposals would be merited by their abilities to investigate and expose the nature of homelessness and/or Home. Freedom from the constraints of feasibility would permit programs that are responsible, generous and constructive approachs to the problem and suggest directions for new developments in the field of housing.

The projects reflecting your thinking and experience in these areas will be exhibited in New York City in March, 1986. The entries must arrive at Storefront before February 10, 1986. Please note that although any media is acceptable, the space available will limit the size of the entries to 18 square feet for two-dimensional projects and 9 square feet for three-dimensional projects.

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We would like to suggest that you and your students tackle these questions in a Fall 1985 studio. The two best individual projects or the studio's collective project reflecting the significant core of the work, conducted under your guidance, will be exhibited in New York City in February 1986.

You and your students should feel free to develop programs that you believe are responsible and constructive approaches to the problem at hand.

#### SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE TEL. NO. 904/599-3244

October 15, 1985

Kyong Park/Glenn Weiss STOREFRONT for Art & Architecture HOMELESS at HOME Project 51 Prince New York, NY 10012

Dear Sirs:

This letter comes to inform you of the intent of myself, Linda G. Roach and Raviwan Fishback to participate in the "Homeless at Home" project. I am an architectural design instructor at Florida A&M University and Raviwan is currently a second year student with a previous degree in interior design.

Our intentions are to convert an existing building into apartment units for single mothers needing shelter anywhere from a few weeks to a few months. Tallahassee has several centrally located victorian style houses which have recently undergone renovation. Our current thinking is to select one of these structures because of the image of "home" which they project.

Particular emphasis will be placed on the interior. Furnishing style, interior patterns, color, and texture will be manipulated to achieve a sense of individuality between units. A communal space will be created to establish a place where a sense of "family" between occupants may come into play.

The proposals we make will either be for a structure which has been recently renovated or one that needs renovation . . . to date a structure has not yet been decided upon. Therefore, it is not yet known whether the proposals put forth will be theoretical or practical.

As we progress on the project, I will contact you with our specific exhibition space requirements. If you need any further information from Ravi and myself at this time, please let me know.



Page Two October 15, 1985

Enclosed you will find the \$25.00 donation to cover the cost of Design Packages I and II. If you should have any comments or suggestions concerning the above statement please contact us. We are looking forward to exploring this problem.

Sincerely,

Linda G. Roach

Instructor

School of Architecture

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LGR/jpb



congratulations for Homeless at Home and thanks for inviting Dave and me to develop it.

I had already heard of this project from Penelope and Linda, reading the booklet though gave me a confirmation of how deep and complex is this matter Storefront invites to analise, to propose solutions.

You can count on my support on this side of the water. I am passing the book around, hoping to start a wider discussion:

- Home is where ready-made food is - In tec society home is the refrigerator!!

How can an architectural space be shaped in such a way to be able to reeducate an homeless person to find a daily identity, some kind of personal repetitive rituals in space?

Let me propose to you an idea.

I am working to arrange a 3/4 weeks laboratory of sculpture, painting, performance in a little island near Palermo in Sicilia. I would invite few artists and hopefully be able to pay materials and stay....

On a given Theme, such as land-isolation, many of the artists to whom I proposed to work on such a cultural desert, have expressed some intuitive tectural-earth forms.

Homelessness in Sicilia is lack of water and job; homelessness in Berlin is also not wanting to recognize the past naziist identity;

homelessness 'in between' is what the turks experience here being unwelcome because they are too poor, being unwelcome in Turkey because of having become too rich.

Home is to cut a tomato and be amazed of how red and sweet it is.

A monument unifies people's identity around a collective home. Tonal melodies go back home.

Let me propose to Storefront a sicilian branch of HAH: 'Casa ai senza-tetto'

There is a problem of homelessness in Sicilia also because of earthquakes; there is who still lives in tentpolis since ten years ago.

Let me propose to enlarge the boundries and let european artists work on the same theme 'HAH' also on a specific Berlin-Sicilia exploration. The N.Y. selected materials could be exhibited in Europe in a public or private space, the european works in any HAH context you might prefer.

Let me send further informations as soon as the HAH committee would discuss and decide on this proposal and return to me. (Please as soon as possible).

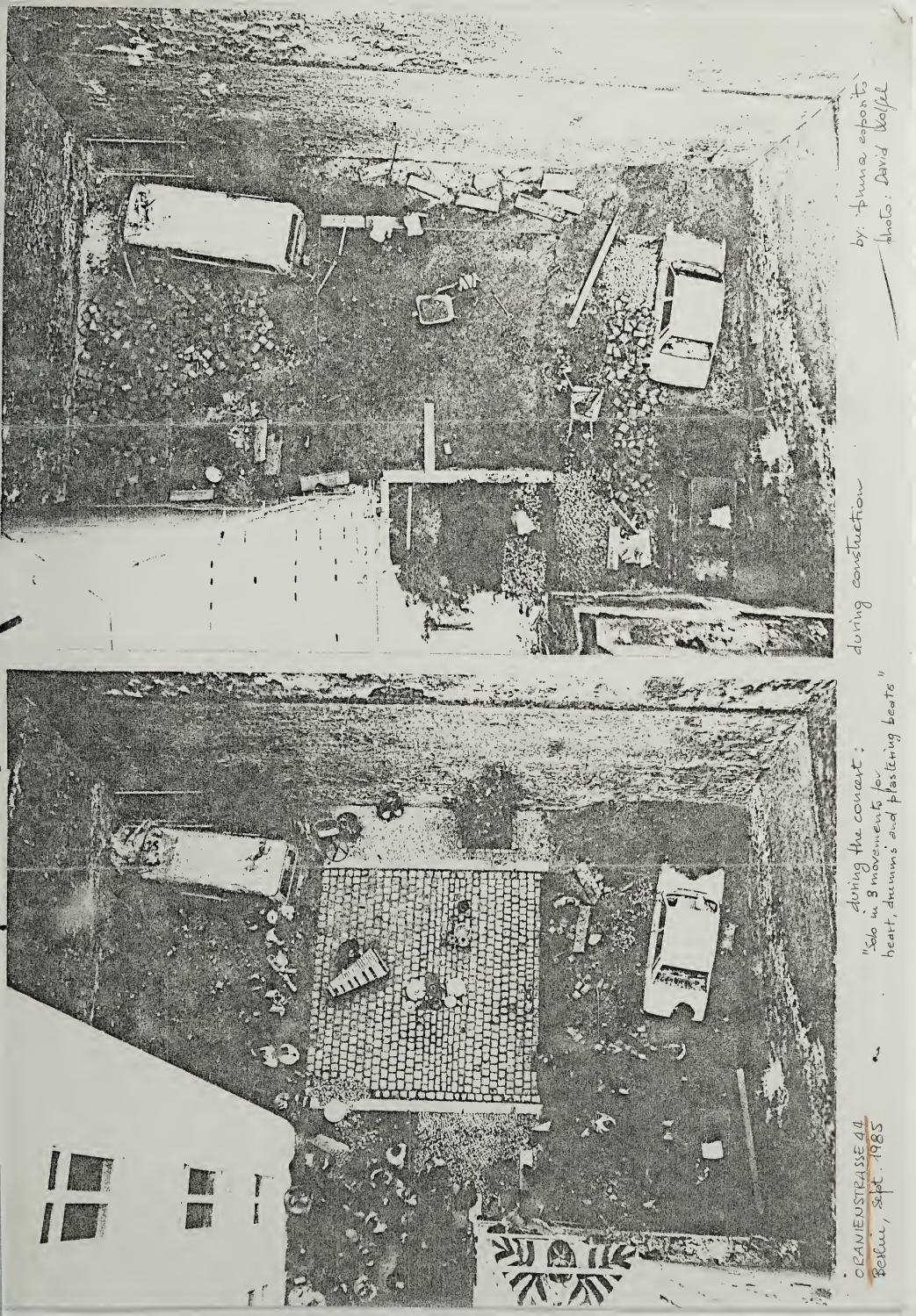
By Feb.86 some projects on the New York homeless matter will be, I am sure, submitted to Storefront by berliners; by summer 87, at the latest, I intend to do the laboratory-exposition in Sicilia.

Home is a boat docking or a plane landing.

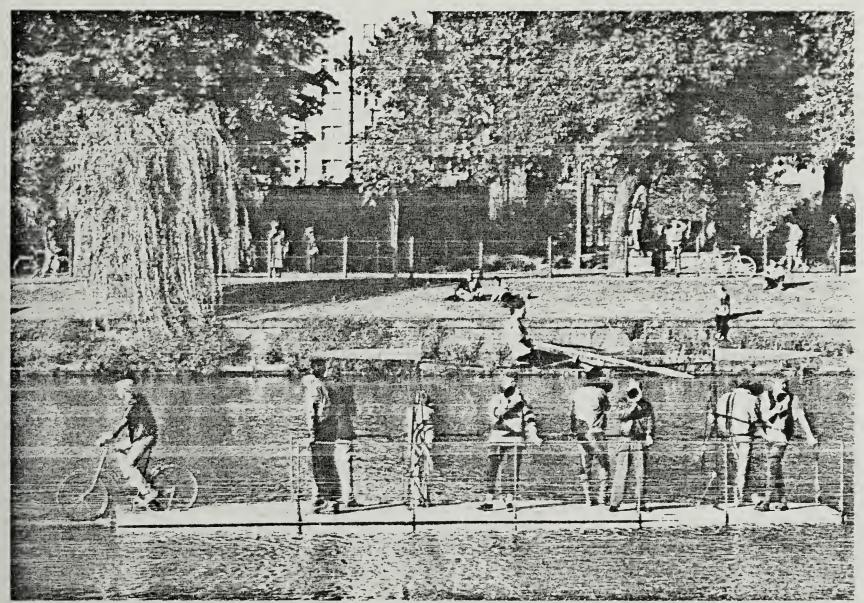
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Berlin, 12, 11, '85



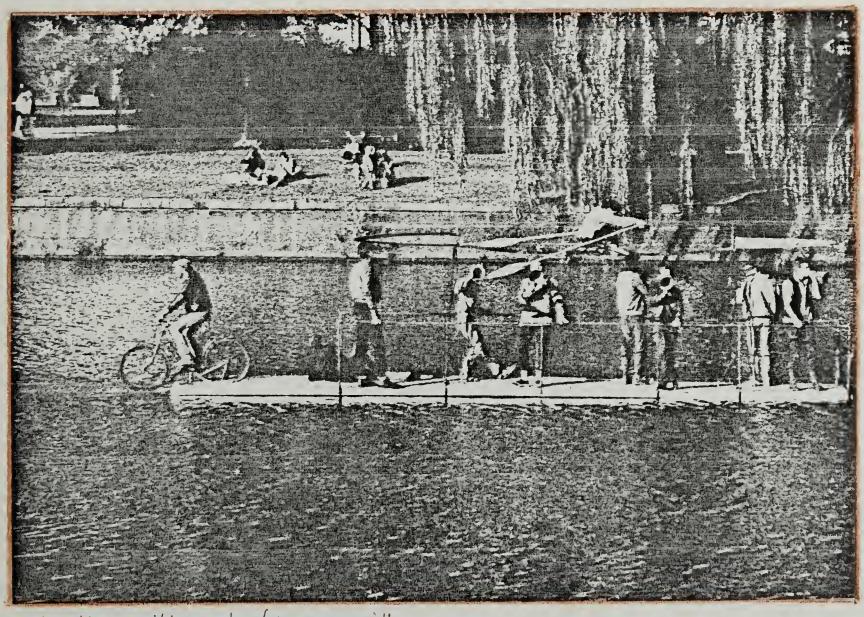






"Cahoa in volo" (Flying canoa)

Landverhkanal - Berlin - Sept, 1985 Sunday afterwoon



A floating sculptural performance with 8 rowing commandors à cappella, 1 bicycle-professor rider, 1 canon in the air



congratulations for Homeless at Home and thanks for inviting Dave and me to develop it.

I had already heard of this project from Penelope and Linda, reading the booklet though gave me a confirmation of how deep and complex is this matter Storefront invites to analise, to propose solutions.

You can count on my support on this side of the water. I am passing the book around, hoping to start a wider discussion:

- Home is where ready-made food is - In tec society home is the refrigerator!!

How can an architectural space be shaped in such a way to be able to reeducate an homeless person to find a daily identity, some kind of personal repetitive rituals in space?

Let me propose to you an idea.

I am working to arrange a 3/4 weeks laboratory of sculpture, painting, performance in a little island near Palermo in Sicilia. I would invite few artists and hopefully be able to pay materials and stay....

On a given Theme, such as land-isolation, many of the artists to whom I proposed to work on such a cultural desert, have expressed some intuitive tectural-earth forms.

Homelessness in Sicilia is lack of water and job; homelessness in Berlin is also not wanting to recognize the past naziist identity; homelessness 'in between' is what the turks experience here being unwelcome because they are too poor, being unwelcome

Home is to cut a tomato and be amazed of how red and sweet it is

A monument unifies people's identity around a collective home. Tonal melodies go back home.

Let me propose to Storefront a sicilian branch of HAH: 'Casa ai senza-tetto'

in Turkey because of having become too rich.

There is a problem of homelessness in Sicilia also because of earthquakes; there is who still lives in tentpolis since ten years ago.

Let me propose to enlarge the boundries and let european artists work on the same theme 'HAH' also on a specific Berlin-Sicilia exploration. The N.Y. selected materials could be exhibited in Europe in a public or private space, the european works in any HAH context you might prefer.

Let me send further informations as soon as the HAH committee would discuss and decide on this proposal and return to me. (Please as soon as possible).

By Feb.86 some projects on the New York homeless matter will be; I am sure, submitted to Storefront by berliners; by summer 87, at the latest, I intend to do the laboratory-exposition in Sicilia.

Home is a boat docking or a plane landing.

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August 27, 1986

Dear "HOMELESS" Exhibitor:

I want, again, to express to you my enormous appreciation of your involvement in HOMELESS AT HOME, the exhibition held here at STOREFRONT, March 2-29, 1986.

It is not often that the public is given the occasion of assessing artists' responsibility towards society's seemingly most helpless. HOMELESS AT HOME was one such - significant - occasion. Your participation in the show did indeed lend renewed urgency to the public dialogue prompted by the issue of homelessness in America.

You, together with your project, remind us that it is only through practical - albeit oftentimes utopian - proposals, such as yours exhibited at STOREFRONT, that solutions to homelessness will be arrived at. As you may know, these STOREFRONT generated proposals were discussed with great interest in many journals devoted to public policy, architecture and art. We are glad that through these pages readers were once again made aware of the role artists can play in shaping our society and its hospitality to all.

## IMPORTANT

The week of September 20th is to be set aside for exhibitors to retrieve their HOMELESS projects presently here in storage. We urge you to attend to this matter during the designated period, so that STOREFRONT may thereafter be readied for the next installation and the Fall exhibition schedule. A STOREFRONT staff member is prepared to assist you at that time. If you can't come in, please let us know. Artists living out of town will be sent their material via UPS and we will send them the bill for this service. We ask the out of state exhibitors to let us know if we have their correct mailing address, and to inform us by using the enclosed stamped envelope addressed to STOREFRONT.

With respect,

Kyong Park Director KP:kc

